

OPINION 1858

Nectria Gray, 1840 (Echinodermata, Asteroidea): *Nectria ocellata* Perrier, 1875 designated as the type species

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Nectria* Gray, 1840 are hereby set aside and *Nectria ocellata* Perrier, 1875 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Nectria* Gray, 1840 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Nectria ocellata* Perrier, 1875, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *ocellata* Perrier, 1875, as published in the binomen *Nectria ocellata* (specific name of the type species of *Nectria* Gray, 1840) and as defined by the lectotype (specimen no. 1958.7.30.20 in the Natural History Museum, London) designated by Zeidler & Rowe (1986), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2951

An application for the designation of *Nectria ocellata* Perrier, 1875 as the type species of *Nectria* Gray, 1840 was received from Dr Wolfgang Zeidler (*South Australian Museum, Adelaide, Australia*) on 12 September 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 164–165 (June 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 165. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — 1: Holthuis.

Bouchet and Dupuis abstained.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Nectria Gray, 1840, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (1)6(37): 287.

ocellata, *Nectria*, Perrier, 1875, *Révision de la collection de stellerides du Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Paris*, p. 188.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Nectria ocellata* Perrier, 1875:

Zeidler, W. & Rowe, F.W.E. 1986. *Records of the South Australian Museum*, 19(9): 120.